

CITY OF NEWARK
Newark, Delaware

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
May 15, 2012
5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Capt. Elwood Williams, Charlie Zusag, Lt. Bill Hargrove, Rich Lapointe, Marvin Howard, Dave Gula

Absent: Tom Parkins

Guests: Dave Athey, Councilmember
Lauriece Aguirre, 35 Winslow Road
James Magee, 38 Winslow Road
Patricia Magee, 30 Winslow Road
Christa Fowler, 27 Winslow Road
Mark Sharnoff, 43 Winslow Road

1. REQUEST FOR NO PARKING ANYTIME ON WINSLOW ROAD BETWEEN ORCHARD ROAD AND COLLEGE AVENUE. (SPECIAL PERMIT PARKING DISTRICT)

Capt Williams called the meeting to order. This request was received from Dene Klinzing of 44 Winslow Road and a petition of all affected residents has been submitted.

Charlie Zusag inquired as to what the parking restriction is currently. Mr. Magee confirmed no parking is permitted from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.

Ms. Magee said on the north side of Winslow Road there is significant parking on the weekends and evening hours during the week due to the library's extended hours. As a result, there is a lot of noise (ex: laughter, talking, engines turning on/off, etc.) during the evening hours as well as littering. Ms. Fowler said every night her driveway is blocked in by the parked cars.

Charlie Zusag asked what is currently being done from a parking standpoint. Lt. Hargrove said his is unsure exactly how many tickets have been issued on this particular street, however if a complaint is received the vehicle would be ticketed and towed.

Ms. Magee said the parking is only one of many issues the residents have to contend with is noise, littering and congestion every night of the week. Ms. Fowler said the only time there is no parking from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. is on the weekdays. Ms. Fowler said between 5 houses on Winslow Road there may be 44 cars parked on the street. Ms. Fowler is recommending that Winslow Road become a special permit parking district like nearly all the other streets in the neighborhood.

Ms. Magee would like for the University of Delaware to accommodate the students on campus and restore the residential atmosphere to Winslow Road.

Charlie Zusag asked if the adjacent streets for example Orchard Road and Beverly Road have a parking restriction. Ms. Magee confirmed these streets are no parking anytime.

Dave Athey said that he believes that once this is approved he anticipates the residents on Sunset Road may also request no parking.

MOTION BY RICH LAPOINTE, SECONDED BY CHARLIE ZUSAG, TO APPROVE NO PARKING ANYTIME ON THE NORTH SIDE OF WINSLOW ROAD.

MOTION PASSED. VOTE: 6 TO 0.

2. REQUEST TO REMOVE THE “SPECIAL PERMIT PARKING DISTRICT” AND THE “NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER” SIGNS FROM THE UTILITY POLES IN THE SOUTHBOUND DIRECTION ON NEW LONDON ROAD BETWEEN COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE AND CLEVELAND AVENUE.

Capt. Williams said this was requested by Lt. Stanko due to the state painting bike lanes on the road. Capt. Williams said there are 3 residents that have special residential parking permits on New London Road near the Rite Aid. These houses do have driveways.

Rich Lapointe said he recalls an issue with a car parked south of E. Main Street where a car was parked along the curb in 4' bike lane and the car extended 3' into the bike lane. Rich Lapointe was unable to find this location in the code as a no parking location and as a result City Council required alternative parking for the 4' bike lane. Rich Lapointe said on New London Road if a car is parked in the 11' bike lane there is approximately 4-5' to get around the car.

Dave Gula asked what kind of notice would be required to the affected residents in the area. It was determined that the residents should be notified prior to any changes being implemented.

Capt. Williams asked if DelDOT would consider painting another stripe making a 3' bike lane off of the road. Dave Gula said the minimum is 4' per the new guidelines.

Dave Gula said all the houses have driveways that are set back far enough from the road that they can park in their driveway.

Capt. Williams recommended tabling this item upon notification to the residents. Councilmember Athey said another way of contacting the residents would be to contact Councilmember Chapman to notify the constituents.

MOTION BY DAVE GULA, SECONDED BY MARVIN HOWARD, TO TABLE THIS REQUEST UNTIL THE COUNCILMEMBER AND RESIDENTS CAN BE NOTIFIED OF THE PROPOSED CHANGE.

MOTION PASSED. VOTE: 6 TO 0.

3. REQUEST FOR A STOP SIGN EXITING KFC BEHIND COLLEGE SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER.

Capt. Williams said this request was received by Annamarie Medeiros.

Charlie Zusag asked if it private property. It was confirmed that it is private property.

Rich Lapointe asked if we have the authority to install stop signs on private property. Capt. Williams said no, stop signs and traffic control devices are legislated by Council on public streets only. However, if the Traffic Committee agrees it is warranted a letter would be sent to the property owner with the recommendation.

Dave Athey said if this was a brand new development the plans have to get approved and asked if DelDOT or the City do not have privy after development. Dave Gula said DelDOT would have commercial entrance plans. Dave Athey said there seems to be some public oversight of private property in the plan preparation stage. Dave Gula said the entrance/exit from Wawa to Marrows Road or to Ogletown Road which is a state maintained roadway, DelDOT would have input regarding what is being done to keep drivers from blindly driving out onto those roads. Dave Gula said in regard to access to an internal he is unsure whether they would be concerned.

Capt. Williams said a letter will be sent to the resident recommending she direct her concerns to the property owner.

Old Business:

Charlie Zusag said two months ago the state was asked to remove the yield sign from the telephone pole near Porter Chevrolet.

Rich Lapointe said he was following up on a prior agenda item regarding installing crosswalks on S. College Avenue at Winslow Road. Rich Lapointe said it will cost the City approximately \$2,500 each. DeIDOT said it is the City's decision to install one or two crosswalks to be funded by the City. This item will be placed on the June agenda for discussion as the May agenda was already published when this letter was received.

There being no further business, Capt. Williams called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION BY MARVIN HOWARD, SECONDED BY DAVE GULA, TO ADJOURN.

MOTION PASSED. VOTE: 6 TO 0.

Elwood Williams, Acting Chairman